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Per reftel, Econoffs delivered talking points to Jan Breja, Director of the Air Transport Department in the Ministry of Transportation. Breja seemed largely unaware of the brewing controversy and indicated that Slovakia was not a large stakeholder in the large commercial aircraft (LCA) industry. He promised to follow up with his colleagues in the Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs and investigate if the GOS maintains a position on the Airbus subsidies. In general, however, Breja concluded that it was likely that Slovakia would support the mainstream EU position produced by the larger stakeholders in Airbus.

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